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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AODE, AFSP, APER
SUBJECT: MODE STAFFING REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 185017

1. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE MY BELIEF THAT EMBASSY'S TWO
RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING OF OTHER AGENCIES, I.E. ONE
MILITARY OFFICER POSITION IN IAGS AND ANOTHER IN ODC, WILL CUT
EXCESS POSITIONS BUT STILL PERMIT THIS MISSION TO FULFILL ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES WELL AND I WOULD REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S
SUPPORT FOR THIS RECOMMENDATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH DOD AND
OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES.

2. I BELIEVE THAT MILITARY OFFICER CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO FILL
VACANT POSITION IN IAGS, LT. COL. WOODBURY, SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
COME HERE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HIS TDY WORK IN BRAZIL,
DUE TO BEGIN WITH SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL, WOULD LEAVE
OPEN POSSIBILITY OF HIS TRANSFER TO RIO IF CONCIDITIONS IN IAGS
ASUNCION OR RELATIONS WITH THE GOP WARRANT SHIFT. EMBASSY DOES
NOT CONCUR IN IAGS PROPOSAL TO PHASE OUT THIS POSITION
ONLY AT CLOSE OF FY 1981.

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3. I WILL AWAIT DOD COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE ODC POSI-
TION BUT TO REITERATE, MY STRONG INCLINATION IS TO RESIST
EFFORT TO DELAY OR FORESTALL POSITION ELIMINATION AS EMBASSY
HAS RECOMMENDED.
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